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SUBJECT: FOOD AVAILABILITY IN VIL'NIUS

1. SUMMARY. FOOD SUPPLIES, INCLUDING MEAT, SEEMED REASONABLY GOOD IN VIL'NIUS IN LATE NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF VISITED THE NEWER OF THE CITY'S TWO MAIN KOLKHOZ MARKETS LATE IN THE MORNING SUNDAY, NOV 28. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE DAY'S MARKETING ACTIVITIES WERE OVER, EMBOFF OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING:

--SECOND QUALITY BEEF, IN VERY LIMITED SUPPLY, WAS SELLING FOR 1.90 R/KILO AT ONE OF SEVERAL INDOOR STALLS.

ABOUT 30 PEOPLE WERE LINED UP AT THE STALL;

--BEEF FAT, SELLING FOR 1.70R/KILO, ATTRACTING NO INTEREST;

--A FEW CHICKENS, QUARTERED, WERE ON SALE FOR

1.50R PER QUARTER;

--A LIMITED SUPPLY OF EGGS WERE SELLING FOR 1.80R FOR 10;

---ABUNDANT SUPPLIES OF SMALL APPLES WERE PRICED AT 0.80R/KILO;

--MEDIUM-SIZED PEARS IN ADEQUATE SUPPLY COST 3R/KILO;

--MANY TYPES OF FROZEN FISH WERE IN ABUNDANT SUPPLY AT THE LARGE SEAFOOD STORE (STATE-RUN) IN THE MARKET.

3. AT THE OLDER MARKET, NEAR THE TRAIN STATION, AT NOON ON MONDAY, NOV 29, ALMOST EVERYTHING WAS SOLD:

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--VERY LIMITED SUPPLIES OF FIRST QUALITY BEEF WERE

AVAILABLE AT 3.50R/KILO;  
--SMALL APPLES COST 0.90R/KILO;  
--DAIRY PRODUCTS WERE SOLD OUT.

4. AT A STATE STORE ON KAPSUKASA STREET NEAR THE CENTER  
OF TOWN, EARLY MONDAY AFTERNOON:

--AMPLE SUPPLIES OF COOKED, ROLLED BEEF COST 2.80 R/KILO;  
--ROLLED, COOKED PORK COST 3.40R/KILO;  
--ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF SMALL BEEF ROASTS COST 3.30R/KILO;  
--SCRAWNY WHOLE CHICKENS WERE PRICED AT 3.40R/KILO;  
--RABBIT WAS AVAILABLE FOR 1.70R/KILO.

5. AT A STATE STORE ON LENIN STREET, NEAR THE OLD TOWN,  
AT 2 P.M. MONDAY:

--LIMITED SUPPLIES OF FIRST QUALITY BEEF COST 1.90R/KILO;  
--SECOND QUALITY BEEF COST 1.50R/KILO;  
--LIMITED NUMBERS OF PIGS'FEET WERE SELLING FOR 0.25R/KILO;  
--LIMITED AMOUNTS OF LIVER COST 1.30R/KILO;  
--SMALL POTATOES, APPLES AND CARROTS WERE IN ABUNDANCE.

6. THE SEVERAL BREAD STORES IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE  
CITY WERE WELL-STOCKED WITH ALL VARIETIES OF BLACK AND  
WHITE BREAD, AS WERE THE SEVERAL RESTAURANTS VISITED. MATLOCK

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